

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains in the Possession of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, National Park Service, Stanton, ND

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains in the possession of the National Park Service at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Stanton, ND.

A detailed inventory and assessment of these remains has been made by the staff of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in consultation with representatives of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota.

The human remains represent at least nine individuals from nine sites recovered within the Knife River

Indian Villages National Historic Site during excavations conducted by the University of North Dakota during 1976-1981. No associated funerary objects were identified. Five bone fragments representing one individual were recovered from Hidatsa Site (32ME10). Two partial human teeth representing one individual were recovered from Sakakawea Site (32ME11). One bone fragment representing 1 individual was recovered from Scovill site (32ME409). Two bone fragments representing one individual were recovered from Long Ridge Cemetery Site (32ME479). Three bone fragments, 1 tooth fragment, and 1 molar tooth representing one individual were recovered from Soni Site (32ME492). One bone fragment representing one individual was recovered from Ramble Site (32ME496). Two concentrations of bone fragments and 1 tooth representing one individual were recovered from Small Site (32ME498). Three bone fragments, two teeth fragments, and one molar tooth representing one individual were recovered from Sakakawea Cemetery Site (32ME493). Four bone fragments and one tooth surface representing one individual were recovered from Buchfink Burial Area (32ME411). No known individuals were identified.

Each of these nine sites has been identified as being within the Hidatsa's traditional occupation area based on cultural continuities, historic written records, and consultation with the Three Affiliated Tribes. Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the National Park Service have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Chas Cartwright, Superintendent, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, P.O Box 9, Stanton, ND 58571, telephone - (701)745-3309, before September 11, 1995. Repatriation of the

human remains the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota will begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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